

Volunteer Role Description	
<b>Role Title:</b>	Allotment and Practical Conservation Volunteer
<b>Where:</b>	FSC London at Bushy Park (one of The Royal Parks)
<b>When:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Commitment:</b>	Flexible; we ask for a commitment of at least 12 days per year volunteering, opportunities are available weekdays, mainly during term time (regularly the last Thursday of every month).
<b>Why We Want You:</b>	<p>The centre buildings are set within Bushy Park, one of The Royal Parks, which include paths, woodland, lawns, ponds, allotment and teaching facilities such as outdoor classrooms. We are seeking hard working and reliable individuals to assist with the upkeep and ongoing development of these grounds.</p> <p>You will be asked to assist with a range of allotment and practical conservation tasks including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weed outdoor teaching areas as required</li> <li>• Maintain the allotment and nature trails</li> <li>• Clear bench areas of large weeds (e.g. Stinging nettles)</li> <li>• Clear dead material in the winter and use it to make natural habitat areas</li> <li>• Litter picking as required</li> <li>• Ensure pathways and steps are clear and maintained</li> <li>• Identify required maintenance/ development work and agree how these will be addressed with your mentor</li> <li>• Opportunity to help research and develop plans for grounds development</li> </ul>
<b>What's In It For You:</b>	<p>Becoming a volunteer is a way of actively engaging with and providing a suitable environment for outdoor education in Bushy Park. It is only possible to deliver a bigger and better range of activities with volunteer support. Since you are offering us your valuable time, energy and skills, it's only right that you should expect something from us in return! We aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Value you and your work;</li> <li>• Treat all volunteers fairly;</li> <li>• Provide a mentor to support you in your volunteer role;</li> <li>• Make sure you are clear about your role and responsibilities;</li> <li>• Provide induction training;</li> <li>• Provide any necessary special clothing and equipment;</li> <li>• Provide training and development to help you carry out your role</li> </ul>

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<b>Requirements:</b>	<p>The FSC is committed to equal opportunities and believes that volunteering should be open to all. A suitable volunteer will bring the following attributes and experiences to this role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An interest in the environment and being outdoors;</li> <li>• Experience of gardening or allotment work;</li> <li>• Experience of practical conservation work</li> <li>• Experience of using hand tools useful;</li> <li>• Pleasant manner and flexible approach;</li> <li>• Ability to communicate effectively;</li> <li>• A passion to deliver the highest standards of service;</li> <li>• A genuine commitment to customer care;</li> <li>• Ability to work as a competent and effective team member;</li> <li>• Ability and willingness to complete lone working</li> <li>• Commitment to improving the FSC's environmental performance;</li> <li>• First Aid Certificate (not essential).</li> </ul>
<b>Notes:</b>	<p>In relation to employment legislation, you will be considered a 'voluntary' worker, and as such the role is unpaid. However, you will be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses that you necessarily incur in the carrying out of your volunteer role.</p> <p>A Uniform is provided by the FSC.</p> <p><b>The Field Studies Council (FSC)</b> is an independent environmental educational charity committed to helping people discover, explore, understand and be inspired by the natural world. Its network of Centres provides day and residential courses for all ages and abilities from young children to retired adults from schools and communities throughout the UK. The FSC also reaches many others through its publications and community based programmes.</p>
<b>For more information, contact:</b>	<p>Volunteer Coordinator who can be contacted on 01306 734 501 or email <a href="mailto:volunteer.london@field-studies-council.org">volunteer.london@field-studies-council.org</a></p>

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